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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Continued Prosecution Application of:

) Art Unit: 1743 ✓

) Applicant: Mathies, et al.

) Examiner: Bex, P. ✓

) Application No.: 09/199,655 ✓

) Filed: November 25, 1998 ✓

) For: MICROPLATE SAMPLE AND REAGENT  
LOADING SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

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PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): MATHIES et al.

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Examiner: P. Bex

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Client Ref

Appln. Title: MICROPLATE SAMPLE AND REAGENT LOADING SYSTEM

Sir:

**REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

Date: August 22, 2001

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

**FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

1. Small Entity claim

A. ☒ NOT madeB. ☐ WithdrawnC. ☐ made herewithD. ☐ made previously

For B &amp; C

See **Required****Separate Paper**

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Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	9	**minus 35	0	x \$18/\$9 = + \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	1	***minus 0	0	x \$80/\$40 = + \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time (leave <u>blank</u> if this is a <u>reissue</u> application) ..... add				+ \$270/\$135 = + \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date: August 22, 2001	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE				
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached	(1 mo) \$110/\$55 = (2 mos) \$390/\$195 = (3 mos) \$890/\$445 = (Usable <u>only</u> for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos) \$1390/\$695= (Usable <u>only</u> for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos) \$1890/\$945=		+ \$0		115/215 116/216 117/217 118/218 128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract			- \$0		
8. Extension Fee Attached			+ \$0		
9. If <b>Terminal Disclaimer</b> attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee .....			+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), ..... add			+ \$180	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request ..... add			+ \$180		126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....			+ \$710/355	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b) .....			x \$710/355 ea	+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) .....			+ \$710/355	+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for .....			+ \$0		
15. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =			\$		

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This **CHARGE STATEMENT** does not authorize charge of the **issue fee** until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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